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wherein the luminous flux passing through a peripheral part of said first surface is reflected at a peripheral part of said second surface, is again reflected at a central part of said first surface and imaged on an optical axis of the lens element.

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9. (Twice Amended) An optical system comprising,

a lens element for focusing incident luminous flux at a predetermined position, said lens element having, from a long conjugate distance side, a first surface concave to the long conjugate distance side and a second aspherical surface strongly convex to a side opposite to the long conjugate distance side,

wherein the luminous flux passing through a peripheral part of said first surface is reflected at a peripheral part of said second surface, is again reflected at a central part of said first surface and imaged on an optical axis of the lens element.

- 13. (Twice Amended) An optical system comprising a lens element having a first convex surface on the long conjugate distance side thereof with a reflective coating on a central portion thereof and a light admitting area on said convex surface at the periphery of said reflective coating, and a second aspherical convex surface on the opposite side thereof with a reflective coating on a peripheral portion thereof and a light transmissive region at the central portion thereof.
- 14. (Twice Amended) The optical system of claim 13 wherein both of said first and second surfaces have an aspherical shape.

27: (New) An optical system comprising,

a lens element for focusing incident luminous flux at a predetermined position, said lens element having, from a long conjugate distance side, a first surface convex to the long conjugate distance side and a second surface convex to a side opposite to the long conjugate distance side,

wherein the luminous flux passing through a peripheral part of said first surface is reflected once at a peripheral part of said second surface, is thereafter reflected a second time at a central part of said first surface and imaged on an optical axis of the lens element upon said second reflection.

28. (New) An optical system comprising,

a lens element for focusing incident luminous flux at a predetermined position, said lens element having, from a long conjugate distance side, a first surface concave to the long conjugate distance side and a second surface strongly convex to a side opposite to the long conjugate distance side,

wherein the luminous flux passing through a peripheral part of said first surface is reflected once at a peripheral part of said second surface, is thereafter reflected a second time at a central part of said first surface and imaged on an optical axis of the lens element upon said second reflection.

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